



Connecticut Summit on the Early Years



Connecticut Commission on Children

**Monday
October 29,
2007**

**Registration -
8:30 a.m.**

**Summit
9:00 a.m. -
1:00 p.m.**

**Room 2-C
Legislative
Office Building,
Hartford**

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SUMMIT GOALS

Join this state summit for policy leaders and the public where national experts offer research-based findings for the development of model policy affecting young children. Expert panelists focus on:

- the science of early childhood development;
- early learning and language development;
- health and mental health;
- income and family support; and
- a systems approach to young children's needs.



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AGENDA

Co-Moderators

George Coleman
Deputy Commissioner, State
Department of Education

Elaine Zimmerman
Executive Director, Commission
on Children

I. Opening Remarks

Speaker of the House,
James Amann
Introducing
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
U.S. House of
Representatives, Connecticut

The Honorable
Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the U.S. House of
Representatives –
by video

Governor M. Jodi Rell –
by video

II. The Science of Early Childhood Development

Dr. Neal Halfon
Director of the Center for
Healthier Children,
Families and Communities,
University of California,
Los Angeles

III. The Starting Gate: Birth Weight, Assets and Life Chances

Dr. Dalton Conley
Professor of Social Sciences
and Chair of Sociology
New York University

IV. Touchpoints

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, M.D. –
by video

V. Family, Friends and Neighbor Care

Nina Sazer O'Donnell
Director of
National Strategies,
United Way of America

VI. Safeguarding Children's Health, Nutrition and Growth

Stephanie Ettinger de Cuba, MPH
Research & Policy Director
Children's Sentinel Nutrition
Assessment Program (C-SNAP)
Boston University School of Public
Health/Boston Medical Center

VII First Words, First Steps: Early Learning

Dr. Laura Justice
Director of Preschool Language
and Literacy Laboratory
University of Virginia
Curry School of Education.

VIII. Hand in Hand: Economic Growth and Child Growth

Michael J. Petro
Vice-President and Director,
Business and Government
Relations, Committee for
Economic Development,
Washington, D.C.

IX. Welcome to Our Neighborhood

Curtis Law
Executive Director,
Norwalk Housing Authority

X. Systemic Reform for Sustainable Outcomes

Dr. Neal Halfon
Director of the Center for
Healthier Children, Families and
Communities, University of
California, Los Angeles

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